

September 17, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Subject: Planning for Next Week

As noted in my letter yesterday, the members of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) will conduct a ratification vote on Thursday to determine whether or not they support the tentative agreement with the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

If the agreement is ratified by the BCTF membership, <u>all</u> schools in the North Vancouver School District will open on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a shortened first-day schedule as per standard practice. The shortened first day allows us to welcome students in Grades 1 through 12, begin to address immediate enrolment and classroom assignments, and complete other essential preparatory work.

The first full day of school for all students, and the first day of gradual entry for Kindergarten students, will then be Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Where necessary, further adjustments will be made to school schedules to provide for full days of instruction for the remainder of the week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 24, 25, and 26.

I will be in touch again on Friday, following the results of the BCTF ratification vote.

Sincerely,

John Lewis

Superintendent of Schools

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